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**TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**

**Notice of Intent to Adopt a Rule**

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Under [IC 4-22-2-23](#), the Natural Resources Commission intends to adopt a rule concerning the following:

**OVERVIEW:** Amends [312 IAC 9-3](#), which governs general requirements and licenses for hunting deer, to reorder language for improved clarity, simplicity, and continuity. Amends [312 IAC 9-3-3](#) by adding rifles with certain cartridges for the youth special deer season and authorizing firearms and archery equipment to be capable of being loaded or fired outside lawful shooting hours. Amends [312 IAC 9-3-4](#) by adding Warsaw as a designated urban deer zone and for statutory consistency corrects the youth age from less than sixteen years of age to less than eighteen years of age. Amends [312 IAC 9-3-8](#) to allow hunting on military reserves and National Wildlife Refuges to begin on October 1 instead of November 1 and to allow the taking of deer with firearms. Amends [312 IAC 9-3-9](#) to add district wildlife biologists, property managers, and assistant property managers as persons authorized to issue free permits to possess a deer killed by other means, such as collision. Amends [312 IAC 9-12-2](#) and [312 IAC 9-12-3](#) to address hunter education requirements with respect to individuals purchasing apprentice hunting licenses authorized by [IC 14-22-12-1.7](#). Repeals [312 IAC 9-3-2.5](#), [312 IAC 9-3-5](#), [312 IAC 9-3-6](#), and [312 IAC 9-3-7](#). Effective 30 days after filing with the Publisher. Questions and comments may be sent to the Division of Hearings, Natural Resources Commission, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Room N501, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2200, at [nrcrules@nrc.in.gov](mailto:nrcrules@nrc.in.gov), or by telephone at (317) 232-4699. Statutory authority: [IC 14-10-2-4](#); [IC 14-22-2-6](#).

For purposes of [IC 4-22-2-28.1](#), the Small Business Regulatory Coordinator for this rule is:

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